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subject: Report of Unidentified Plying Coject

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- 4. The flare made a wide turn to the east implicately after the missile "proced" it (missile track appeared to be some 3 to 4 miles toward above from the track of the flare), completing the turn about 8 to 10-seconds before bunnout of the missile.
- 5. Upon exceptation of the turn, the Flare picked up a heading of 90 100 degrees and mintained this heading until out of sight of the writer at Topics 330 seconds.
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- 3. The missile altitude at about T plus 95 seconds appeared to be the same as the altitude of the flore.
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- 5. Upon exceptation of the turn, the flare picked up a heading of 90 - 100 degrees and minimized this heading until out of eight of the writer at T plus 350 seconds.
- 6. Is far as could be determined, the flore track did not very in speed or altitude during the entire sighting.
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- 10. The writer is an iCA exployee, and the knowledge of the approximate lacach time of the absile (test volide) was acquired in the normal course of his official activities.
- 11. The sighting was reported to the TOA Communications Coordinator, COALDR, about Older, a receiver 1926. It was also reported to the CINCOR of the Tay, PARK, at about Older the rand date. The O.D. advised that a written report should be filed on the next working day.
- 12. It is suggested that close study of the optical coverage files for the test will serve to confirm this report.

13. It appears that this report followithin the concern of CHIVIS as described by JAMAP 1860.

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Additional comments - 4 January 1957

See pera 3 above - Missile at that time was 30 miles high, indicating that LFO was much closer to observer or was much higher and traveling at greater speed.

General comment = Altitude, speed and range statements in original report are result of reference by observer to known object; i.e., aircraft. This established in discussions with AF; no aircraft near at time of sighting, but observer's experience with aircraft apparently resulted in unconscious reference.

Winds at time of sighting = surface 90° varying to 140° at 10,000 feet.

Eliminated as possibilities = aircraft, weather ballooms. Elimination effected by AF.

Angle above horizon at first sighting = approximately 25 degrees.

Horizontal angle traversed on northerly course -- approximately (0-65 degrees 10-45 "

See para 9 above - Cherver has talked to two other men who saw IFO, no details obtained. See para 12 above -- Show of most sensitive camera plates showed nothing. FAFB - Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

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Test 3018 - launch of Viking rocket (1st on Vanguard program).